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SUBJECT: SOMALI DROUGHT STATUS REPORT

REF: A) MOGADISCIO 0186 B) STATE 30442 C) BRUSSELS 1200

- 1. UNDP TELLS US THAT AS OF FEB. 10, SOMALI REFUGEES IN CAMPS TOTAL 172,601, INCLUDING 81,181 CHILDREN. THIS IS INCREASE OF APPROXIMATEY 5,000 SINCE FEB. 2 AND AMOUNTS TO AN INFLUX OF 600 A DAY.
- 2. ADDITIONAL SIGNIFICANT FOOD PLEDGES (PARA 4, REF A) INCLUDE A) 4000 ADDITIONAL TONS OF WHEATFLOUR FROM SEDEN, BRINGING LATTER'S CONTRIBUTION TO  $8,000~\mathrm{MT}$ . LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- B) 3000 ADDITIONAL TONS OF MAIZE FROM USSR FOR TOTAL OF 8520.5 MT.
- 3. WE ARE REASONABLY CONFIDENT THAT REFUGEE FIGURES (I.E. CAMP POPULATION) ARE ACCURATE AND MORE RELIABLE THAN THOSE PROVIDED BY MEGAG SAMANTAR (REF B). WE AND UNDP CONTINUE TO BELIEVE TOTAL CAMP POPULATION WILL NOT RPT NOT BE OVER 300,000 BY END MAY, AND IT MAY BE CONSIDERABLY LESS. THERE ARE NUMBER OF SERIOUSLY AFFECTED INDIVIDUALS WHO NEED SOME HELP IN COUNTRYSIDE OUTSIDE OF CAMPS. SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS HAVE COME TO CITIES TO LIVE WITH RELATIVES, THUS CREATING ECONOMIC HARDSHIP AND SWELLING URBAN FOOD NEEDS. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE TOTAL NEEDING HELP WILL BE OVER 300,000 BY END OF MAY. IF APRIL MAY RAINS COME, ANY NET ADDITIONS TO THESE NUMBERS THEREAFTER SHOULD BE SMALL.
- 4. WE NOTEUNDRO EXPERT STANISIS PLANS RETURN SOMALIA EARLY APRIL. THIS WOULD PROVIDE GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION. WE THINK OUR ESTIMATES ON NUMBER SERIOUSLY AFFECTED AND IN CAMPS SHOULD BE USED FOR PLANNING PURPOSES IN MEANTIME (THOUGH WE WILL OF COURSE KEEP SITUATION UNDER REVIEW). KIRK

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